



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, Asperger Syndrome is a neurobiological condition affecting sensory, motor, communication and social development, resulting in narrowed interests, repetitive routines and altered behavior on an individual basis; and

WHEREAS, Asperger Syndrome can strike people of all ethnic and racial backgrounds, with males affected three to four times more often than females; and

WHEREAS, there has been an approximate increase of 500% in the past decade among the children of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Asperger Syndrome's symptoms generally appear after the age of three, however many adults remain undiagnosed due to the lack of information or understanding about the disorder; and

WHEREAS, the importance of increasing awareness, education, early intervention, understanding and support for individuals and families affected by Asperger Syndrome is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, The Idaho Asperger Support Group provides ongoing parent educational meetings combined with family-inclusive monthly meetings, an egroup for Idaho families, a local teen resiliency training group and websites for teens and families, both representing Idaho internationally; and

WHEREAS, The local support group has been instrumental in Boise being selected as a regional and international site for Aspergers educationally based conferences;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim June 2004, to be

ASPERGER'S AWARENESS MONTH

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this tenth day of May in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-eighth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fourteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Yursa in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN YURSA
SECRETARY OF STATE